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THE NEWS.

The City of Washington, from Liverpool the 3d and Queenstown the 4th of July, reached this port yesterday evening. She brought over one million of dollars in specie. This makes the gross amount forwarded to the United States from England since November last, \$39,145,000. The news of the City of Washington was anticipated by the Saxonia; but our files of European papers are made complete by her arrival, and from these we give some additional details of interest to-day.

The Paris *Opinion Nationale* of June 26, in commenting on affairs in the United States, takes occasion to speak of the article in the *Patrie* which received a semi-official character from its subsequent publication in the *Moniteur*, and remarks:—It is a personal opinion, nothing more. But it is extremely to be regretted that the *Moniteur* should have reproduced that article and given it an almost official sanction. It is impossible to throw the responsibility of the reproduction by the *Moniteur* of the *Patrie* article on the government. It is not likely, after having declared that it meant to preserve a strict neutrality between the United States and those who "assume to form a separate confederacy," that the government would promise to recognize the independence of the Southern States as soon as we might be able to establish relations with them of benefit to general interests.

By the British West India mail steamer Cleator we have received our files from Jamaica to the 6th of July inclusive. There is no news of importance from the colony. Cotton cultivation on an extensive scale was still occupying popular attention. Several hundred acres had already been planted, and vigorous measures were being made to plant more. The American crisis was regarded with much interest, and had formed the theme of discussion by the press and pulpit. The yellow fever was prevalent at the naval station of Port Royal, and was decimating the crew of her Majesty's steamer Firebrand. It was reported in Kingston that the smallpox was raging at Remedios and Cienfuegos de Cuba. The latest intelligence from St. Domingo states that the excitement of the people had in no wise abated, and that the forces of the Haytian republic were being rapidly mustered. A comet of unusual magnitude and brilliancy was seen from the island for several nights, travelling in a northwesterly direction. The census of the city of Kingston shows a great decrease of population in seven years, owing principally to the prevalence of cholera, smallpox and other wasting diseases. The census of 1844 showed 32,943; decrease in 1861, 5,684.

In Congress yesterday, the Senate passed the Naval Appropriation bill, the amendment in regard to the completion of the Stevens bombproof battery having previously been rejected. The resolution approving the acts of the President in suppressing the rebellion was discussed by Mr. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, in opposition to its adoption, and the further consideration of the subject was postponed till Thursday. A bill was introduced indemnifying M. O. Roberts for the loss of the steamship Star of the West, captured by the rebels in Texas. A bill was reported affording relief to the widows and orphans of the crew of the lost sloop-of-war Levant. A select committee was ordered to consider the subject of making the Pacific Railroad a military road. An executive session was held, and subsequently the Senate adjourned.

In the House the Committee on Commerce, in response to a resolution directing inquiry as to what measures are necessary to suppress privateering and render the blockade of the rebel ports more effectual, reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to hire, purchase or contract for such vessels as may be necessary for a temporary increase of the navy, the vessels to be furnished with such ordnance, stores and munitions of war as will enable them to render the most efficient service. According to the orders issued to their respective commands, the temporary appointments made of acting lieutenants, acting paymasters, acting surgeons, masters and master's mates, and the rates of pay for these officers heretofore designated, are, by this bill, legalized and approved. For the purpose of carrying this act into effect to suppress piracy and render the blockade more effectual, three millions of dollars are appropriated. The bill was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs. A bill authorizing the President to call out the militia to suppress rebellion was passed unanimously. The bill authorizing the President to accept the services of five hundred thousand volunteers was also passed. The Senate's amendments to the Loan bill were all concurred in. A joint resolution, conveying the thanks of Congress to Major General George B. McClellan and the officers and soldiers under his command, for the recent brilliant victories over the rebels in Western Virginia, was unanimously adopted. The bill to promote the efficiency of the volunteer forces, and for other purposes, was passed, and the House adjourned.

The prize brig Amy Warwick, of Richmond, in charge of prize master J. B. Gordon, of the ship-of-war Cumberland, was reported arrived off this port last evening. The Amy Warwick was bound from Rio Janeiro for Richmond, with a cargo of 5,100 bags of coffee, and was captured off Cape Henry on the 18th inst., by the gunboat Quaker City, and taken into Hampton Roads.

The joint special committee of the Common Council appointed to confer with our leading citizens as to the best mode of relieving the wants of the families of the New York Volunteers was erroneously announced to meet yesterday. They will meet at one o'clock to-day, in the chamber of the Board of Common Council.

We give below a recapitulation of the number of killed, wounded, and prisoners captured on both sides, in the affairs which have taken place within the last four or five days in Western Virginia, between detached portions of General McClellan's division and the rebel forces:—

	Killed.	Wounded.	Prisoners.
Laurel Hill.....	4	7	25
Fort Mountain.....	20	40	100
Fort Mifflin.....	10	20	100
St. George.....	18	40	140
Total.....	52	117	365

We give in another part of the *Herald* an account, with explanatory diagrams, of the famous retreat of Colonel Sigel, near Carthage, Missouri. It is represented as being one of the most masterly military manoeuvres in the history of the country. The Southern account of this engagement is the most ludicrous of any that has yet been given. It commences with the announcement, in large letters, that Colonel Sigel was most woefully whipped; that he had one thousand seven hundred killed and two thousand seven hundred taken prisoners. The number of wounded is not given; but if the usual proportion of injured is added to the killed, they would make his whole force, according to this account, about nine thousand, when in reality Colonel Sigel had only about eleven hundred men. The account further says that General Lyon was taken prisoner, and that among the killed were Colonels Salomon, Kallman, Wolff and B. Gratz Brown.

The regiment of Chicago Zouaves under Colonel Turchin, attached to which is a company of light artillery, left Chicago on the 12th inst., bound for the seat of war in Missouri.

The work of impressment has been carried on to such an extent in New Orleans as to reach subjects of foreign nations owing no allegiance to this country; and some of the consuls having entered complaints against such practices to the Governor of Louisiana, that functionary was forced to issue a proclamation warning all military officers to desist from using improper or violent means to bring such foreign born citizens into the military service.

The New Orleans papers, in the most flattering

style of panegyric, announce the names of Lieutenant Colonel Charles D. Drexel and private Morgan Kennedy, of New Orleans, as among the killed near Newport News. Colonel De Russy, of the Louisiana regiment, in that engagement, was first reported killed; but as he was known to have left Richmond for Yorktown on the Thursday morning, the report is evidently a mistake. Lieutenant Colonel Drexel being the commanding officer who was killed. He was a son of one of the oldest Creole families of Louisiana, and was widely known as an able lawyer and an eloquent orator. He was promoted from Captain of the New Orleans Cadets to a Lieutenant Colonel. Private Kennedy, of the same company, was a son of Dr. S. D. Kennedy, of New Orleans.

John Ross, the Chief of the Cherokee nation, seems to be proof against the seductive appeals of the rebel leaders in Missouri and Arkansas. He tells his people to be faithful to the treaties made with all the United States, one of which stipulates that they will not hold any treaty with any foreign Power, individual State, or with individuals of any State.

The Richmond papers say that among the troops comprising "Wise's legion" are Mons. Pardigon, a learned Frenchman, who is master of infantry tactics, and skilled in bayonet exercise; Captain Buckholz, a German artillery officer; Colonel Adler, an Italian cavalry officer from Garibaldi's army; General Henningsen and Colonel Frank Anderson, filibusters.

The Twenty-second infantry regiment of Pennsylvania, known as the Philadelphia Light Guard, which had enlisted for three months, has been accepted for three years, and the regiment will return to Philadelphia to fill up its ranks.

Henry A. Wise is not dead, but at last accounts was on the stump at Ripley, Va., with a body guard of seven hundred men.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was convened last evening. The purpose of the call was to take into consideration the amendments made by the Councilmen to the appropriation of \$500,000 made by the Board of Aldermen, for the support of the families of volunteers. Alderman Boole said he was very sorry to see that the Councilmen had thought it to make some of those amendments. There are certainly some items that they might have left unaltered; at the same time he would vote for a concurrence with the Councilmen, in order that the Comptroller might proceed to issue bonds. The Board then concurred, and, on motion of Alderman Boole, the appropriation as amended was sent to the Mayor for his signature. Alderman Farley offered a resolution to the effect that the Common Council should tender the thanks of the community to the different regiments of volunteers on their return from the seat of war, and entertain them in a becoming manner. Adopted. The Board then adjourned.

The thirty-eighth session of the Commissioners of Excise was held yesterday. Applications for licenses were received from one storekeeper and eighteen innkeepers, which were granted on payment of thirty dollars each. All persons selling liquor without license after the 19th inst. will be prosecuted. The Board adjourned until noon to-day (Wednesday).

In the Court of General Sessions yesterday Wm. Dunnigan was placed on trial for the murder of John Kievan on the 23d of March, 1860, at the liquor store of the accused, on the corner of Carlisle and West streets. A number of men were drinking, and a fight ensued, during which two men—John Kievan and Wm. Hickey—were fatally stabbed. The case was tried in the Oyer and Terminer last year, when the jury disagreed. In the afternoon Mr. Brady addressed the jury in behalf of Dunnigan, and at a late hour they had not agreed upon a verdict.

Thomas E. Courtenay, the runaway defaulting Sheriff of St. Louis, is in the rebel ranks at Richmond.

The peach crop in Ohio will be slim this season. Grapes will be plenty.

The cotton market was quite firm yesterday, while the sales were confined to about 200 a 300 bales, mostly to speculators, on the basis of 15½c for middling uplands. The foreign news had a favorable influence on breadstuffs. Flour was in good export demand, and closed at an advance of 5c, a 10c, per bbl., chiefly for common grades of State and Western. Mixed grades of Southern were also firm, while extra brands were unchanged. Wheat was in good demand and firmer, especially for good shipping lots of good spring club and red, chiefly for export. Corn was firm for prime shipping Western mixed; white heated and soft were dull and unchanged. Pork was heavier and easier, with sales of mess at \$15 62½ a \$15 75, and prime at \$10 a \$10 25. Sugar was firm, with sales of 2,000 bbls., \$10 25; 845, 10c; 112 bbls., 10c; 130 bbls., 10c. Coffee, by auction, at rates given in another column. Oil, by auction, at rates given in another column. Sugar, by auction, at rates given in another column.

The Campaign in Virginia—Desperate Condition of the Rebel Forces.

The late splendid and invaluable achievements of General McClellan in Western Virginia open the way to still greater triumphs in the East. The rebel forces of ten thousand directly opposed to McClellan having been beaten, dispersed and dispersed, he may now move southwestwardly towards Tennessee, or eastwardly by way of Cumberland or Romney to a junction with Gen. Patterson. But as the column of Patterson, without further additions, is believed to be amply sufficient to dislodge or capture that of Johnston, and as the army in front of Washington, on the south side of the Potomac, is now some sixty thousand strong, we shall be disappointed if we do not very soon hear some stirring news from Winchester and the Manassas Junction.

To enlighten the general reader as to the distribution of the contending forces in Virginia, a brief geographical explanation will not here be out of place. The State of Virginia, with a superficial area nearly a third larger than New York, consists of three great divisions. First—Eastern, or old Virginia, or that portion of the State (the great slaveholding section) which lies between the Blue Ridge chain of mountains on the west and the Potomac river, Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean on the east. Second—The Great Valley, which is bounded on the east by the Blue Ridge, and on the west by a series of broken ridges, belonging to the extensive Alleghany system of mountains. This valley runs southwestwardly from Pennsylvania through Maryland and Virginia, down into Tennessee, and is from ten to twenty-five miles in width. Third—Western Virginia, lying between the Great Valley and the Ohio river. This region is a vast labyrinth of mountains, narrow valleys, deep ravines, and swift rivers. It is sparsely inhabited by a sturdy and patriotic white Union loving population, who, possessing only a nigger or two, here and there, have failed to comprehend the blessings of Yankee's independent and unmixed pro-slavery confederacy.

The first of these great divisions of the State is the great battle ground of this war, of which Richmond, at present the national capital of the Confederate States, is the prize to be retained there or lost. Looking towards Richmond, there are some fourteen thousand troops under Gen. Bukey, at Fortress Monroe, and some

eighty thousand men under the immediate eye of Gen. Scott, on both sides of the river, at and near Washington. But the military movements here have been conducted with very important combinations to both parties, in the Great Valley and in the Western division of the State.

To hold the Great Valley, and to command its vast supplies of subsistence, and to prevent the movements across from this valley of a federal corps upon the rear of Beauregard at Manassas Junction, Gen. Johnston, for a time, occupied the gap and the heights at Harper's Ferry, where the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers unite and pass through the Blue Ridge. But finding at length this trap-like position untenable, Johnston abandoned it and fell back into the heart of the valley, near Winchester, from which point, if threatened by an overwhelming force under Patterson behind him, he may push on some sixteen miles to the Manassas Gap Railroad, which, after a ride of sixty miles, will bring him over into the camp of Beauregard.

Western Virginia, in support of the rebel cause, was assigned to Gen. Garnett and his ten thousand men, and to some scattering detachments under Governor Wise and the illustrious Floyd, of Mr. Buchanan's treacherous Cabinet. These champions of Southern rights were to hold McClellan in check in the West, while Johnston would hold Patterson in check in the valley, until Beauregard in the East might find some opportunity for pouncing upon Washington.

A splendid system of combinations, truly, but ruinously spoiled by the late achievements of McClellan. Having liberated Western Virginia, and practically disarmed the enemy in that quarter, McClellan, with twenty thousand men, may suddenly pounce upon Johnston in the valley, in conjunction with Patterson, with twenty-five thousand men, and surround him and capture his whole force of twenty thousand, if he does not clear out in anticipation of some such disaster.

We think the campaign in Virginia is virtually settled—that Johnston cannot risk a battle in the valley without suffering a crushing defeat—that he cannot join Beauregard before Patterson can join Gen. McDowell immediately in front of Beauregard, and that thus, detached or combined, the forces of Johnston and Beauregard are in very great danger of a decisive overthrow. What, then? Taking counsel from the fate of Garnett's column, it is quite possible that, without a fight, Johnston will first fall back upon Manassas Junction, and that next Beauregard, thus reinforced, instead of risking an action with one hundred thousand federal troops, will fall back upon Richmond, tearing up the railroad behind him. And then? Why, then, it is possible that he will next be compelled to evacuate Richmond, and that, too, without much bloodshed, in order to save himself and his army from a final surrender.

The formidable combinations of Gen. Scott are sufficiently developed to enable the dullest intellect to comprehend his grand design. It is to concentrate upon the strong points of this rebellion such overwhelming forces as to secure a decisive triumph, with a comparatively trifling loss of human life. We are exceedingly gratified with the conviction, too, that this grand design will soon be completely fulfilled, and that, with the overthrow of the rebel cause in Virginia, this whole Southern rebellion will speedily fall to pieces.

THE CAPTURED VESSELS.—By the last arrival from Cuba we learn that